

Sunday, March 8, 2026

Holy Trinity Armenian Church of Greater Boston
Father Vasken A. Kouzouian, Pastor
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SUNDAY BULLETIN



Today is the Sunday of the Steward

[Upcoming Lenten Sundays and Feast Days for 2026](#)

March 15 - Sunday of the Judge
March 22 - Sunday of the Advent
March 29 - Palm Sunday
April 5 - Easter Sunday

DIVINE LITURGY

Deacons: Gregory Krikorian, Armen Skenderian, Oscar Derderian III, Gregory Dorian, Robert Dulgarian, Stephen Hollisian, Harry Lang, Mark Torosian

Sub-Deacons: Kevork Atinizian, Edward Khachatryan

Altar Server: Arek Gulbankian, Michael Avakian

Organist: Nune Hakobyan

Choir Members and Soloists: Victoria Avetisyan, Dn. Robert Dulgarian, Ani Ross Grubb, Arpie Kouzouian, Yeghishe Manucharyan

Church Greeter: June Yacubian

Prayer Requests

Your prayers are requested for the protection and prosperity of our homeland the Republic of Armenia and its people, as well as our home of the United States of America.

Your prayers are also requested for

Zaven Ovian, Joyce Davagian, Libby Melkonian

and for the good health of all those who suffer from illness in their own private way;

and for those who mourn the loss of loved ones.

Der Vasken offers a weekly Hokehankisd Service.

Please note that if you would like Der Vasken to offer your prayer request during his silent prayers at the celebration of the Divine Liturgy, please fill out the Prayer Request cards that are located on the table in the Narthex (the Church Sanctuary lobby).

Please contact the church office with any questions.

Requests submitted after 11 am on Thursday will not be printed in the Sunday Bulletin but will be read from the altar by Der Vasken. Please alert a Parish Council member on Sunday if you requested a Hokehankisd after 11 am on Thursday to ensure Der Vasken has the name of your loved one.



Readings of the Day: Is. 56:1-57:21. Eph. 4:17-5:14. Lk.16:1-31.

Today's Bible reading is from the Gospel of Jesus Christ

according to St. Luke, chapter 16 vs. 19-31 and will be read by Sona Tashjian.

From Today's Bible Reading

Luke 16:1-31 See below for the Parable of the Steward (1-13). Today's reading also includes the renowned story of the unnamed rich man and Lazarus. The rich man ignores the poor and ailing Lazarus and after both have died, he sees that Lazarus is in heaven at Abraham's side. Lamenting his own torment far from God, he asks that Lazarus be sent to warn his brothers of what can happen when they live selfish lives. Abraham tells him they had already been well informed by the Law and the Prophets so nothing more could help. *Reflection: What do you think Jesus means when he says "No one can serve two masters" (13)? What "masters" pull you away from God? What makes it so difficult for people to be convinced of God's ways?*

Ephesians 4:17-5:14 St. Paul notes that 'children of light' must set aside past behaviors, having become renewed in Christ and created to be like God in true holiness (vv.23-24). The way of love excludes all the vices we might have once considered acceptable. *Reflection: What specific ways does St. Paul cite as examples of "new self" behavior? (25: speak truthfully, 26: let go of anger quickly, 28: engage in useful work so we're able to help others, 29: speak to build others up, 31: do not be bitter, or angry or slander others, 5:1: imitate God, 2: live a life of love, 3: avoid sexual immorality or any kind of impurity or greed, 7: avoid the people who encourage you to behave immorally.) Of those listed, what one behavior do you need God's help with?*

Isaiah 56:1-57:21 Isaiah shares God's exhortation to his people to maintain justice, do what is right, keep the holy day holy and welcome all people, even "outsiders," removing obstacles in their way. To these he promises joy and blessings. He rails against the selfishness and ignorance of Israel's leaders who seek their own gain with "mighty appetites." *Reflection: Why the importance of keeping the Sabbath holy? How do you dedicate the day to the Lord? Does your church family or your Sunday worship service present obstacles for someone of another background?*

Today is the Sunday of the Steward

Stewards oversaw the finances and all the affairs of the house for wealthy families of ancient times. The steward in this parable (often translated as the "shrewd manager") is far-sighted about his own welfare. When his master accuses him of wasteful ways, demanding an accounting and threatening his dismissal, the steward reduces the moneys owed to his master by others so that they might employ him should it come to that (he was actually lowering his own built-in commission in every negotiation). He is commended by the master. Although a challenging parable, it is easier to understand when we see that Jesus is asking us to be as diligent and ambitious about our spiritual welfare as we are about our worldly security (8-9). *Reflection: What masters pull at you for allegiance?*

March 8, 2026 Hokehankisd

We have all been asked to pray during the Divine Liturgy for the souls of:

Margo Yeni- Komshian Kaiser: Requested by The Kaiser, Yeni-Komshian and Teager Families



10 ALTERNATIVE FASTING IDEAS

INSPIRED BY POPE FRANCIS

1. Fast from social media and pray instead.
2. Fast from complaining and focus on gratitude.
3. Fast from worrying and trust in God.
4. Fast from judgment and listen without prejudice.
5. Fast from pessimism and focus on optimism.
6. Fast from insults and focus on kind words.
7. Fast from selfishness and focus on serving others.
8. Fast from unforgiveness and focus on reconciliation.
9. Fast from speaking and focus on listening.
10. Fast from shopping and donate what you don't use to someone in need.

Holy Trinity Lenten Services

February 25, 2026

March 4, 2026

March 11, 2026

March 18, 2026

March 25, 2026

Join us on **Wednesday evenings** during Lent in the Holy Trinity Sanctuary at **7pm** where the prayers of "I Confess with Faith" by St. Nersess Shnorhali are read.

A light Lenten supper will be available in Johnson Hall a half hour before services begin.

GREAT LENT

Great Lent which began, Monday, February 16, and ends on Saturday, March 28, is the 40-day period of spiritual preparation that leads to the greatest feast of the Church - Easter.

It is a time for focused spiritual disciplines, prayer, reading the Bible, service, giving, fasting and living a simpler life.

The altar curtain is closed during Lent until Palm Sunday.

Holy Communion will not be offered collectively during that period of time.

Throughout Lent:

- We do not receive or pass the Voghchooyn (Kiss of Peace).
- Holy Communion is not administered. Those in need of Holy Communion may see the Celebrant following the Badarak.
 - Mahs is distributed to the faithful regularly.
- We do not approach the Celebrant at the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy to kiss the Gospel.

Please Join Us Today!

MID-LENTEN LUNCHEON

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Sunday, March 8, 2026

Immediately following Church services

During the Annual Parish Assembly

Charles and Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall



Traditional Lenten Meal

Vospov Kheyma, Salad, Pita Bread, Dessert

(Macaroni & Cheese option available)

Donation

\$10 per meal (\$5 for children under 10)

Hosted by the ACYOA Juniors

A portion of the proceeds will benefit the Sunday School's Lenten Drive.

*Vosp meal is donated and prepared by David and Liza Dorian
in memory of Makrouhi Haroutunian*

RSVP by March 4 to the church office at **617.354.0632** or at Office@htaac.org



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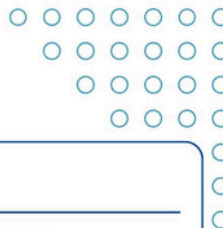
HOLY TRINITY ARMENIAN CHURCH ANNUAL ASSEMBLY

**Sunday
March 8, 2026**

The Pastor and Parish Council cordially invite all dues-paying members of the Holy Trinity Church to its Annual Parish Assembly. The Assembly will take place in the Charles and Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall immediately following church services.

TMU DINNER MEETING

March 9, 2026 ~ Johnson Hall





GUEST SPEAKER

KERI CALIFANO

REAL ESTATE - THE MUNCEY GROUP

Mezze 5:45pm
Dinner 6:45pm
All Welcome

Losh Kebab or Kheyma Meal
\$25
Cash bar is available

Cash or check only. Sorry we do not have availability to accept credit cards at our meetings.

Keri Califano brings unmatched energy, deep market savvy, and a client-first mindset to every Real Estate journey. With a background built on hustle, heart, and high standards, she's known for delivering a hands-on, high-impact experience—whether guiding first-time buyers or collaborating with seasoned homeowners.

SPEAKER

Rooted in community and driven by genuine connection, Keri has a natural talent for making people feel at ease. Her thoughtful approach, strategic mindset, and unwavering commitment mean her clients always feel supported and empowered as they navigate the intricacies of buying, selling and investing.

Come and spend an evening at this presentation and learn more about real estate through the eyes of an experienced agent including 1st time home buying and all the hurdles that require a lot of navigation. Bring your questions and this is a great opportunity for anyone who owns a house and thinking about selling or first time home buyers.

RSVP is highly encouraged



**email tmu@htaac.org or
Call the office at 617.354.0632**


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George Haroutunian Memorial Flagpoles Blessing & Dedication

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Immediately following Church services

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The ACYOA of Holy Trinity Armenian Church
invite you to the annual

ACYOA DAY

Palm Sunday Banquet

March 29, 2026

Immediately following Church services in the Charles and Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall

The day's program features:

Dn. Karo Boyadzyan

St. Nersess Armenian Seminary, Armonk, NY

Lori Dorian

ACYOA Central Council

Beef & Chicken Kebab Meal

includes mezzé, salad, dessert & coffee

ChickenTender option available for children

Seating by Advance Paid Reservation Only

Reservation Deadline: March 25, 2026

Donation: \$25 adults / \$15 child under 12 / ACYOA Juniors

Please reserve online at tiny.cc/ACYOAPalmSunday2026

or call the Church Office at 617.354.0632



Thank you for supporting the Holy Trinity ACYOA!



2026

**HOLY TRINITY
ARMENIAN CHURCH
SCHOLARSHIP
PROGRAM**

Qualified candidates
can apply at
htaac.org/scholarships

The deadline for
applying is
March 15, 2026

Scan here!





Jingalov Hatz Masterclass

A hands-on culinary experience where tradition meets the taste! Cook, Learn, and Taste

Funds raised will help save the lives of children in Armenia fighting cancer.

Friday, March 20 / 7PM

Tickets - \$100
Scan QR code



Details:

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Branded Take-Home Gift



URL: <https://www.ticketsource.com/null/t-zozvmlo>

**Informational meeting about this year's Parish Pilgrimage to Armenia
will take place *next* Sunday, March 15,
in Charles & Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall at 12:30pm!**



**Journey to
ARMENIA**

**Holy Trinity Armenian Church
Our Parish Pilgrimage to Armenia
Led by Fr. Vasken Kouzouian, Pastor
June 28-July 12, 2026**

**Registration
Deadline:
Mar. 20, 2026**

Featuring visits to:
Community Service ~ Etchmiadzin ~ Yerevan & Armenian Genocide Memorial ~ Khor
Virab & Noravank ~ Lake Sevan & Dilijan ~ Garni & Geghard ~ Gyumri

Trip Includes: Round-trip airfare from BOS; Full transportation and transfers in Armenia as specified
in itinerary; Breakfast and Lunch/Dinner according to the itinerary; Marriott Hotel accommodation
(Double occupancy); Entrance fee to all sightseeing destinations; Tour Guide (English).

Cost per person (based on double occupancy): \$3,845
Space is limited.

For more information, contact:
office@htaac.org
or
SIMATours@gmail.com (610) 359-7521



**TMU
presents
1000 CLUB
DINNER**

**Sunday
APRIL | 26 | 2026
12:00PM - 1:30PM**

**LOSH DINNERS AVAILABLE
FOR SIT DOWN AND TAKE HOME MEALS**

**SPECIAL DINNER PRICE FOR THIS DRAWING:
\$15 PER MEAL**

If you purchase 2 new annual numbers during the drawing we will
include 1 free annual number and a free dinner.

You will also be able to purchase that day:
One time number for \$5
5 one time numbers for \$20.
Yearly numbers for \$60.

Please bring cash or check.
Cash bar available.

*PRIORITY REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

REGISTER ONLINE: <http://tiny.cc/TKP2026-RegistrationForm>



AUGUST 10-14, 2026

8:45 AM-1:30 PM DAILY ~ EXTENDED DAY OPTION TO 3 PM

HOLY TRINITY ARMENIAN CHURCH'S
20TH ANNUAL SUMMER PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN AGES 3-9
THEME: *CELEBRATING THE SEASONS OF THE ARMENIAN CHURCH*

****PRIORITY REGISTRATION FOR HOLY TRINITY FAMILIES ENDS FEBRUARY 28***
BEGINNING MARCH 1, REGISTRATION IS FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVED

PLEASE DIRECT ALL INQUIRIES TO youth@htaac.org

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WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Morning Service - 9:15 A.M.

Divine Liturgy - 10 A.M.

Services conclude - 12 NOON

We urge our faithful to attend Church Services on time.

HOLY TRINITY CALENDAR

- TODAY** **Mid-Lenten Luncheon;**
Charles & Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall,
following Church Services
Annual Assembly; *Charles & Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall,*
following Church Service
- Mon, March 9** **TMU Dinner Meeting with Guest Speaker, Keri Califano**
Johnson Hall, Mezze 5:45pm and Dinner 6:45pm
- Wed. March 11** **Holy Trinity Lenten Services;**
Johnson Hall, Lenten meal 6:30pm
Sanctuary, Lenten Service 7pm- 7:30pm
- Sun, March 15** **Armenia Trip Interest Discussion;**
Johnson Hall, during Fellowship Hour
- Wed, March 18** **Holy Trinity Lenten Services;**
Johnson Hall, Lenten Meal 6:30pm
Sanctuary, Lenten Service 7pm- 7:30pm
- Sun, March 22** **Living the Word- Monthly Bible discussion**
"The Joy & Impact of Serving Others"; Johnson Hall, 12:30pm
- Wed, March 25** **Holy Trinity Lenten Services;**
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following Church Services
- Fri, April 10-**
Sat, April 12 **ACYOA Juniors Spring Lock-In**
- Sun, April 26** **1000 Club Dinner presented by the TMU**
Charles & Nevart Talanian Cultural Hall, 12pm- 1:30pm
- Jun 28- July 12** **Holy Trinity's Parish Pilgrimage to Armenia**
Led by Fr. Vasken Kouzouian, Pastor
- Aug 10- Aug 14** **Trinity Kids' Place**